Institutions have gone into establishing projects manufacturing DMT|PTA|MEG|Paraxylene etc. by Public Sector Undertaking like IPCL and Bongalgon Refinery Limited, etc.;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these Public Sector units have established adequate capacities to meet the demand and are reported to have accumulated huge stocks of their products because of deep recession in the consuming industries;

(c) whether the proposed Customs Duty relief on petrochemicals is likely to push these public sector units to the wall and make them sick; and

(d) if so, what steps do the Government propose to safeguard the interests of these Public Sector Undertakings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Public Sector Undertakings such as IPCL and Bongaigaon Refinery Ltd., have established projects for manufacturing DMT, MEG and Paraxylene.

(b) The established capacity of the Public Sector Units is not adequate to meet the demand. Government has no report that recession in certain consuming industries has resulted in any accumulation of stocks of these products.

(c) and (d) While fixing the rates of customs duty on petrochemicals, Government have taken note of all relevant factors including the interests of the producing and consuming industries and the need for rationalising the tariff.

Filling up of the post of Chairman State Bank of India

3999. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the post of the Chairman, State Bank of India and its Associate Bank is lying vacant since last year, if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken to fill up the said post?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b) The post of Chairman, State Bank of India (SBI), who is also the ex-officio Chairman of the Associate Banks of SBI, was vacant from 1.8.1992 consequent to the retirement of the then Chairman on 31.7.1992.

State Bank of Indore's assistance to sick industries

4000. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantum of assistance proposed by the Industrial Reconstruction Division of State Bank of Indore to the sick industries during the last two years and proposed to be provided during the current year, branch-wise details; and

(b) what amount was advanced by the Bank to the sick industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) The quantum of assistance provided by the State Bank of Indore to sick industries under rehabilitation, during the last two years and during the current year, branch-wise is given in the Statement (See below)

(b) The amount advanced by the State Bank of Indore and outstanding

against sick industries is given here-under:

(Rs. in crores)

Year ending	Amount
1990-91	84.75
1991-92	106.20
1992-93	115.00

Statement

Quantum of assistance provided to Sick Industries by State Bank of Indore

(Rs. in crores)

During the year 1990-91 :	
Gandhidham Gujarat	1.30
Baroda	0.15
Worli Bombay	0.64
Industrial Estate, Indore	0.67
Amana Dewas	0.59
Mandsaur	0.02
	3.37
During the year 1991-92 :	
Pithampur	0.79
Burhanpur	0.10
Navlakha Indore	0.25
Y. N. Road, Indore	0.75
Industrial Estate, Indore	0.49
P. Y. Road, Indore	0.29
Vidisha	0.75
Gorakhpur Jabalpur	0.20
Lashkar Gwalior	0.70
	4.32

During the year 1992-93 :

Amana Dewas	0.25
Navlakha, Indore	0.60
Broadway Madras	0.30
Y. N. Road, Indore	0.82
Worli Bombay	0.50
Fort, Bombay	0.12
Vidisha	0.38
Guna	0.22
	3.19

Land for collectorate office in Assam

4001. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Assam offered 57000 sq. metres of Land at a prime location for the construction of Collectorate Office of Customs and Central Excise;

(b) if so, whether the proposal was accepted by his Ministry; and

(c) if so, when was it accepted and at what value?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (c) Sir, the Government of Assam have offered 57,600 Sq. Mtrs. of land at Guwahati for the construction of Divisional Office of the Shillong Collectorate of Customs and Central Excise, which is presently functioning from hired buildings. This proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Conensus on the Economic Reforms

4002. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the opinion of Special Advisor to World Bank stating that the economic reforms initiated by the Indian Government would take root only it it is anchored from within and gains the support of ordinary people;

(b) if so, what are the observations made by him and what is Government's reaction thereon; and

(c) what steps are being taken to develop a consensus on the content, scope and pace of reform?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b) Government has seen the Newspaper article dated 7th of February, 1993 reporting a Statement by the Special Adviser to the President of the World Bank. It has been ascertained from the World Bank that it does not represent the official view of the World Bank.